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ENHANCEMENT OF FOREIGN CURRENCY
JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV;RAJESH RANJAN (PAPPU YADAV)

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to enhance the allocation limit of foreign currency for foreign tour is pending with the Government from a long time.

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the decision of the union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) to (c): While there is no proposal to raise foreign exchange quota for travel abroad, the quota has been raised under Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 which has come into force from 1st June, 2000. Foreign Exchange Management (Current Account Transaction) Rules, 2000, have been framed under FEMA and notified by the Government videNotification No. GSR-381(E) dated 3rd May, 2000, which deal with Basic Travel Quota. The quota hasbeen increased upto US$ 5,000/- per calendar year for travel abroad and US$ 25,000/- for businesstravel etc. If the amount of foreign exchange exceeds the above limits prior approval of Reserve Bank of India is necessary as indicated in schedule III of Foreign Exchange Management (Current Account Transaction) Rules, 2000.